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# Is Data Mining a Valid Statistical Method?

OR

*The value of the p-value and the  
significance of significance*

Brent Kabler, PhD



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# Overview

Introduce a few statistical concepts

Causality, spurious relationships, and random relationships  
P-value and statistical significance

Big data, data mining and *post hoc* analysis – Departures from the scientific method (or hypothetico-deductive method).

Recent warning by the American Statistical Association regarding the pitfalls of data mining and misuses of the concept of statistical significance.



# Uses of Statistics

Prediction  $\longrightarrow$   $X$  PREDICTS  $y$

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Explanation  $\longrightarrow$   $X$  CAUSES  $y$

While almost the entirety of the natural and social sciences are concerned virtually exclusively with explanation, the purpose of insurance rate-making is prediction.



# ASOP on Causality

“While the actuary should select risk characteristics that are related to expected outcomes, it is not necessary for the actuary to establish a cause and effect relationship between the risk characteristic and expected outcome in order to use a specific risk characteristic”

- Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 12, Section 3.2.2

(emphasis added)

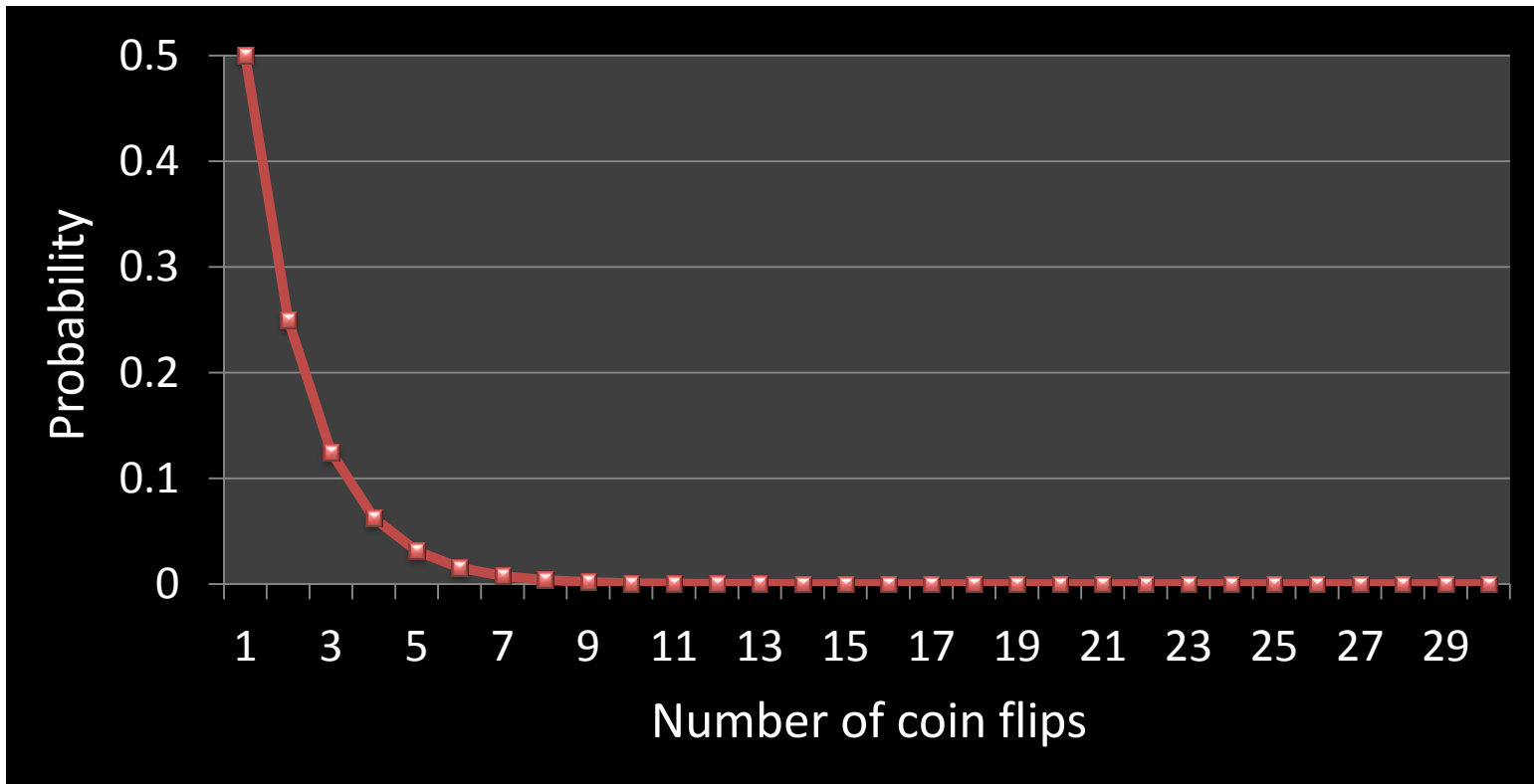
**Translation:** It is only necessary to ascertain that a relationship exists; it is NOT NECESSARY to UNDERSTAND the relationship.



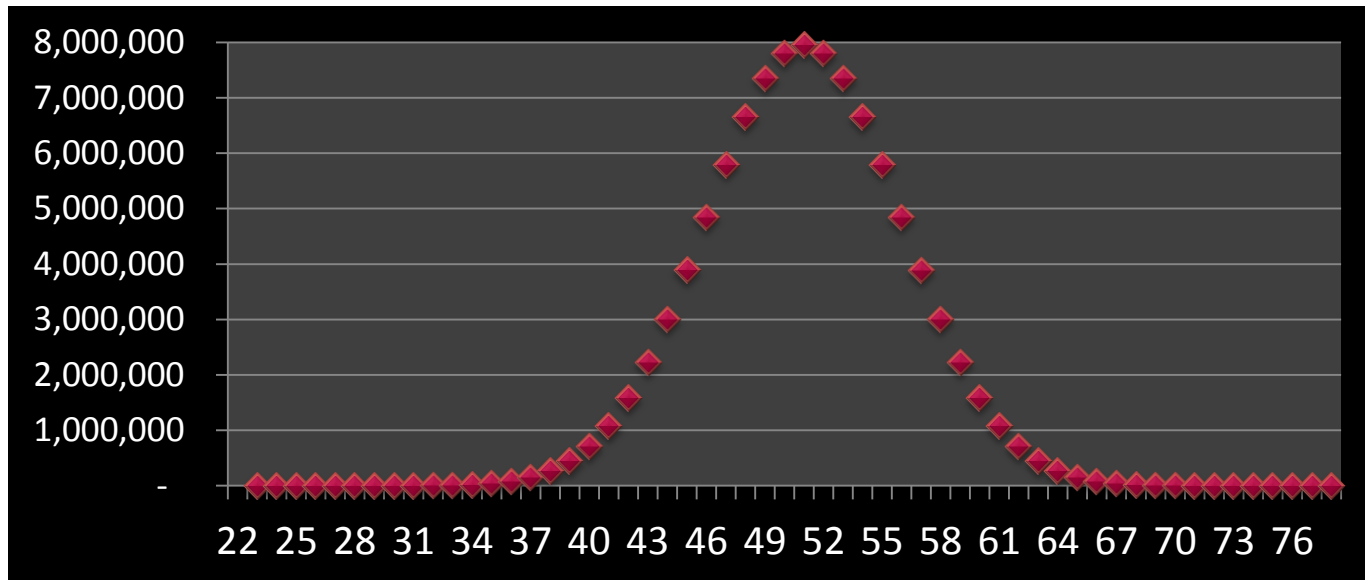


# P-values & Statistical Significance

Probability of obtaining all “heads” from x flips of a fair coin.



# 100 million virtual trials of a flip of 100 coins



Highest Number of Heads Obtained	Trial when observed
77	75,400,000
77	88,300,000
77	89,400,000
78	3,530,000
80	38,100,000



# Actual probability of obtaining 100 heads in 100 flips of a coin

$$\text{Probability 100 heads} = (1/2)^{100}$$

Or

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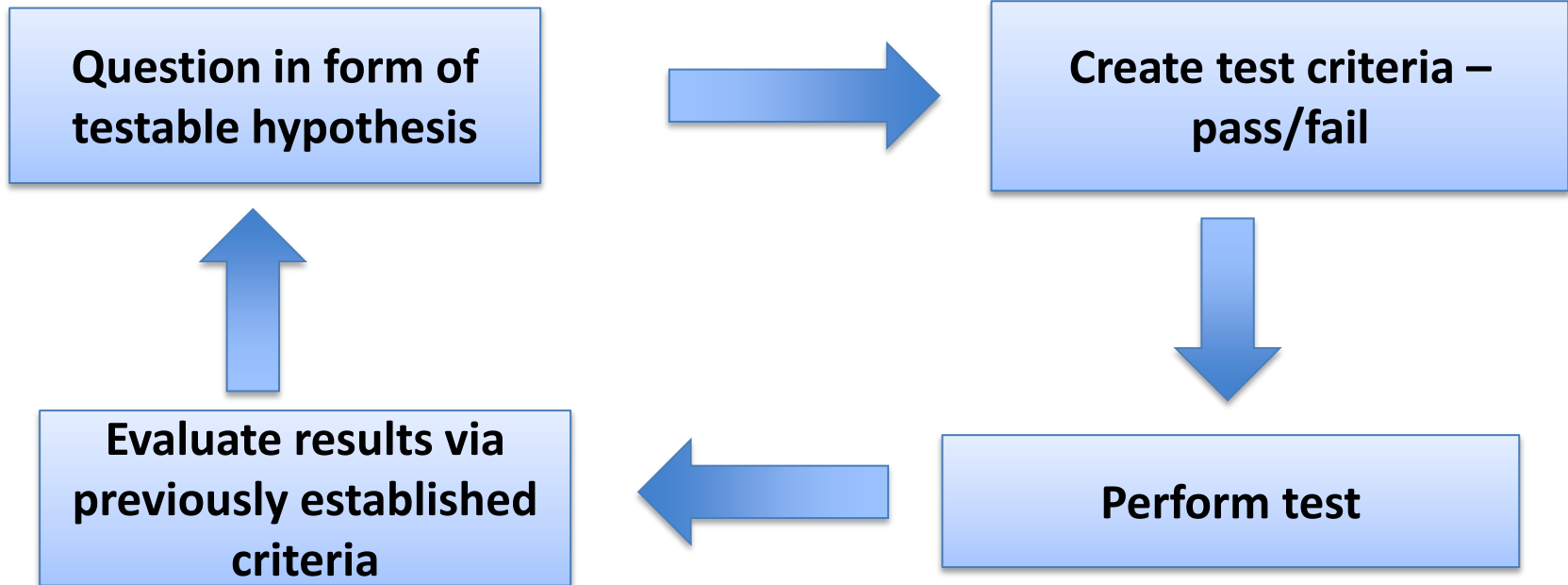
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# Uses & Misuses of P-values

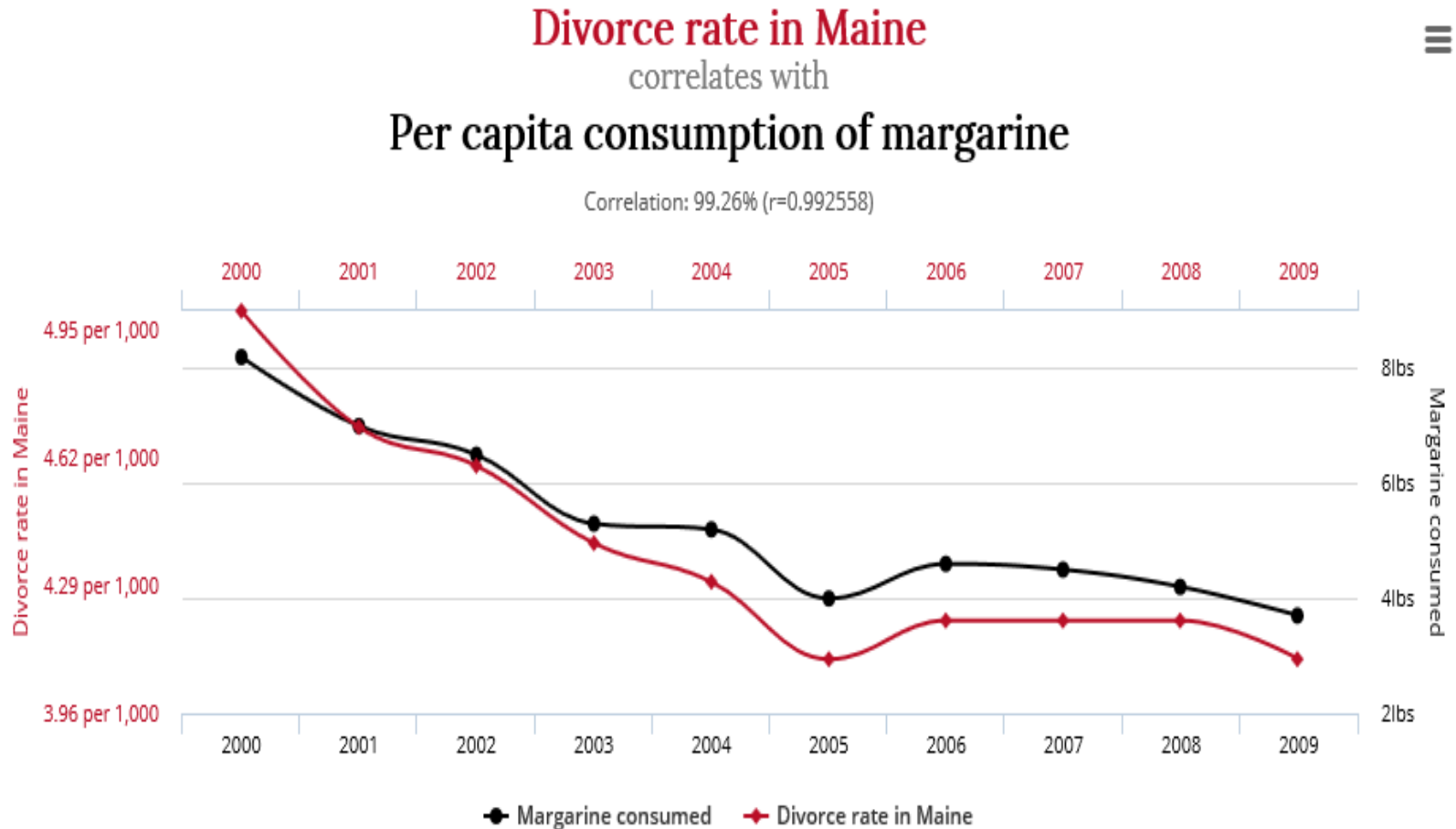
## Hypothetico-Deductive Method



# Data mining – (often) random search for patterns & correlations



# Random(?) Correlations



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Source: <http://www.tylervigen.com/spurious-correlations>



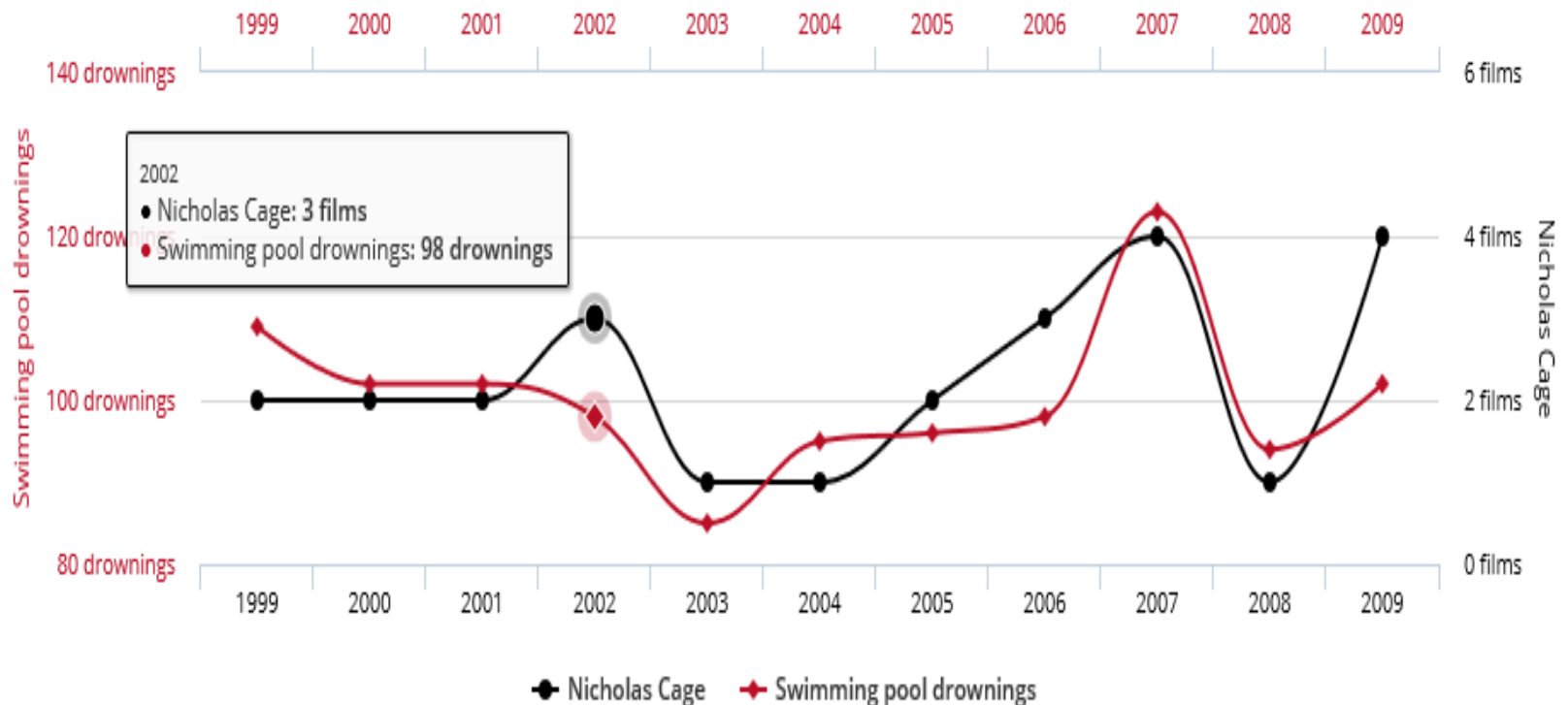
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# Number of people who drowned by falling into a pool

correlates with

## Films Nicolas Cage appeared in

Correlation: 66.6% ( $r=0.666004$ )



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# Literal Dead-Ends

**Aspirin therapy more likely to result in death than recovery for:**



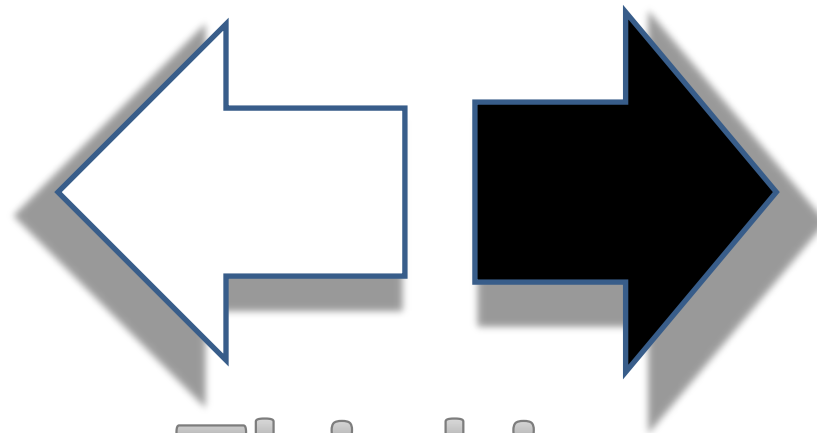
Findings of a recent international study of survivors of heart attack, involving more than 134,000 patients in over 20 countries.





# Analytical Dead Ends: A Study in...

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Thinking

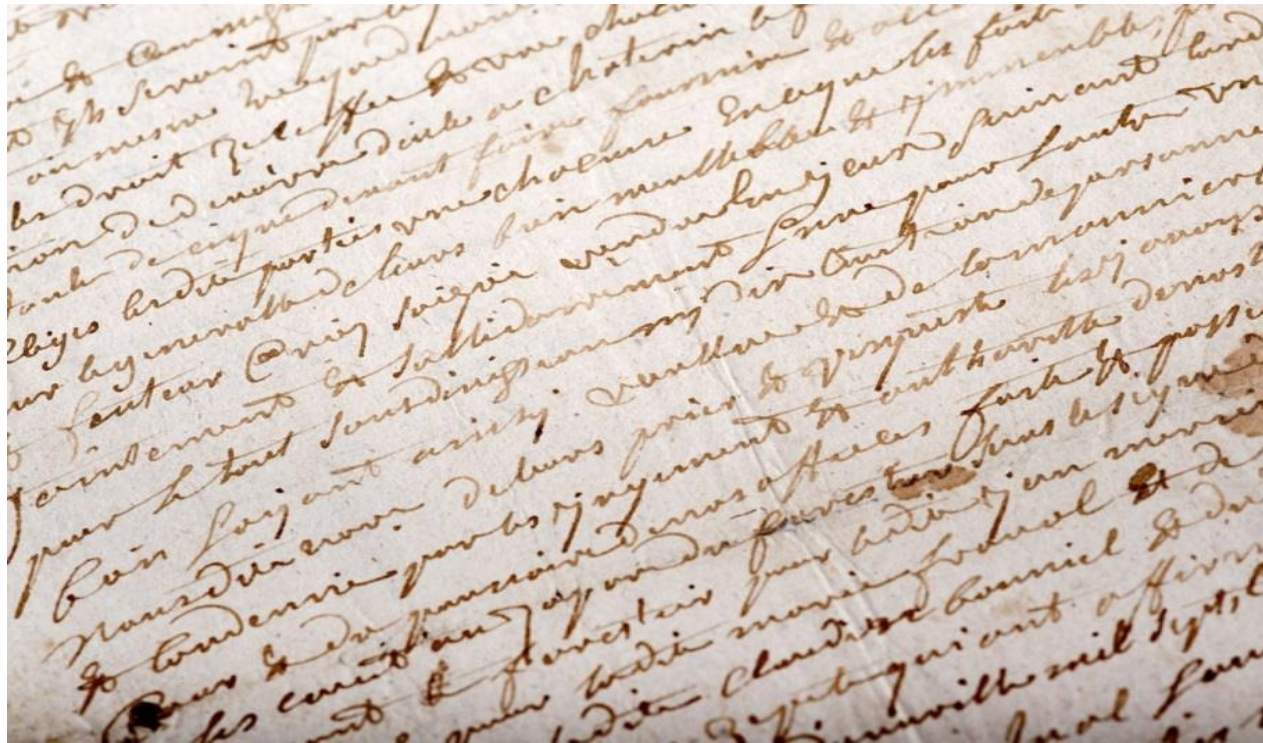
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# Post-Hoc Hypothesis Testing

Looking for hidden meanings in text...and finding them.



“Equidistant letter sequences in the book of Genesis.” (Statistical Science, Vol. 9 (1994) 429-438.)



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# Regulation occurs in the absence of checks considered essential in science

1. Double-blind peer review process
2. Complete transparency
3. Access to research materials and data
4. Replication



# Statement by the American Statistical Association

*Scientific conclusions **should not be based only** on whether a  $p$ -value passes a specified threshold.*

“Researchers should bring many contextual factors into play to derive scientific inferences, including the design of the study, the quality of the measurements, the external evidence for the phenomenon under study [i.e. causal or theoretical knowledge], and the validity of the assumptions that underlie the data analysis” (page 9).



# Statement by the American Statistical Association

*Proper inference requires full reporting and transparency.*

“Cherry-picking promising findings, also known by such terms as data dredging, significance chasing...and ‘p-hacking,’ leads to a spurious excess of statistically significant results...and should be vigorously avoided.”

**“Researchers should disclose the number of hypotheses explored during the study, all data collection decisions, all statistical analyses conducted and all p-values computed.”**



# Implications for insurance regulation?



# PREDICTIVE MODELS AND INSURANCE: A REGULATOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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# AGENDA

- What are Predictive Models?
- Why use Predictive Models in Insurance?
- Regulatory Concerns and Challenges



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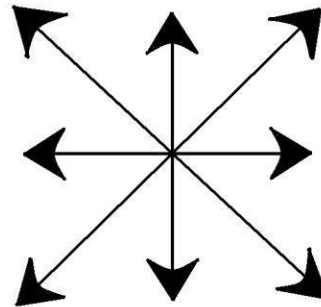
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# WHAT IS A MODEL?

**A description of a  
system using  
mathematical concepts  
and language.**

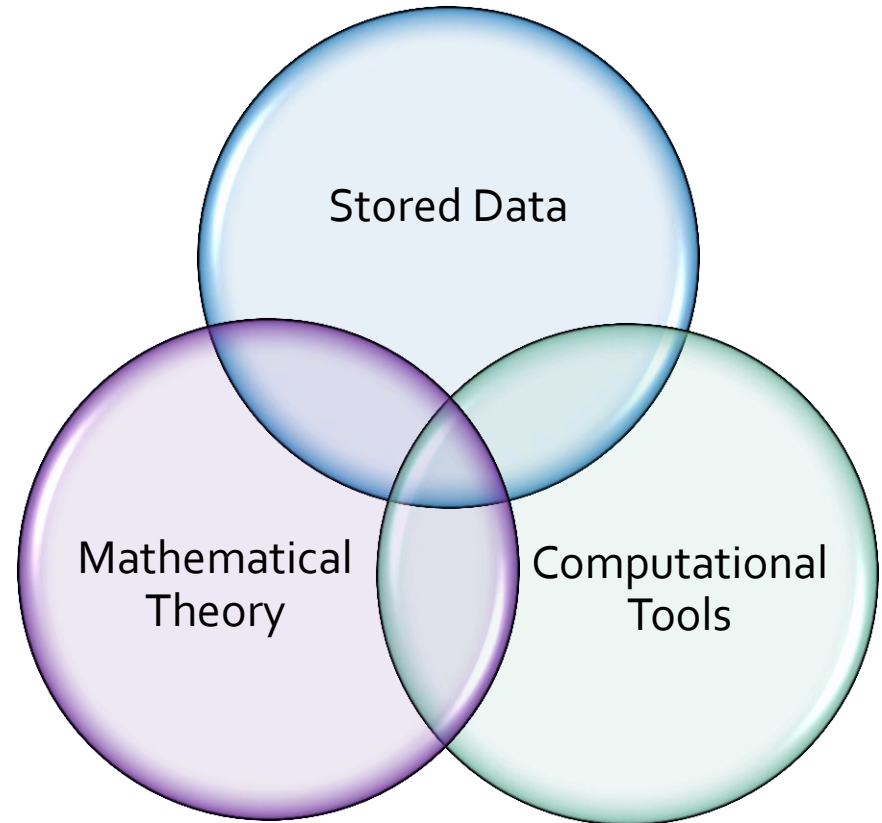
# WHAT IS A MODEL?

- Traditional ratemaking methods use one-way analysis.
- One-way analysis looks at the direct relationship one rating factor has in isolation, such as gender, on expected loss costs.

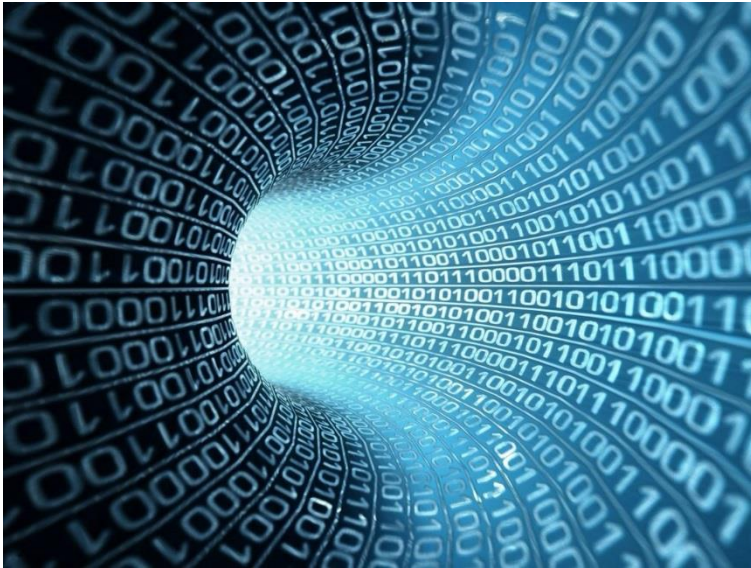


# PREDICTIVE MODELING

The process of creating, testing, and validating a model to best predict the probability of an outcome.



# AN EXAMPLE: GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS



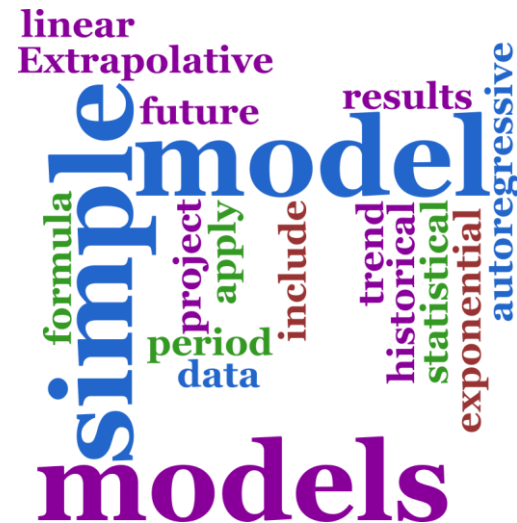
- GLMs are one of the most common types of predictive modeling.
- Unlike traditional one-way analysis, GLMs can consider the impacts of many rating factors simultaneously.

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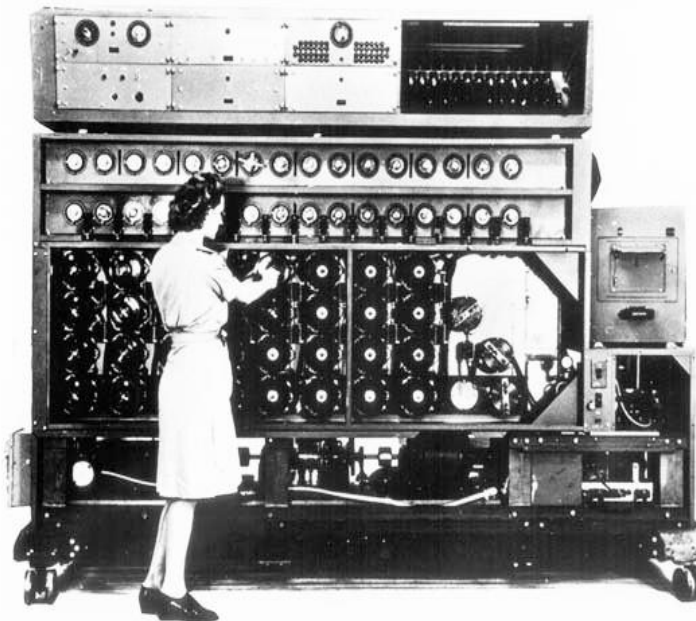
# WHY USE MODELS IN INSURANCE?

- Minimize human errors and biases when interpreting complex data
- Ensure consistency in decision making and application of results



# WHY USE MODELS IN INSURANCE?

Better Data + More Computing Power =  
Increased Predictive Accuracy





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# REGULATORY CONCERNS

## Excerpt from RSMO 379.318:

Rates shall not be excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory....

Unfair discrimination shall be defined to include, but shall not be limited to, the use of rates which unfairly discriminate between **risks having essentially the same hazard.**

# REGULATORY CONCERNS

## Excerpt from RSMO 379.318:

Risks may be grouped by classifications... or other reasonable methods....

Such standards may measure any differences among risks that can be **demonstrated to have a probable effect** upon losses or expenses.

# TRANSPARENCY CONCERNS

## Can the regulator:

- See how the model works?
- Be assured that the information will be used consistently and uniformly?
- Understand the information obtained and how it is used?
- Recreate someone's rate from the filed manual?

# CHALLENGES REVIEWING PREDICTIVE MODELS

Increased use of 3<sup>rd</sup> party data  
and non-traditional variables.

Changing rapidly as machine  
learning advances and improves.

Gaps between statistical  
findings and common sense.

# CHALLENGES REVIEWING PREDICTIVE MODELS

## **A model should:**

- Demonstrate predictability
- Predict behavior better than the current model
- Be built with adequate testing and validation
- Comply with state regulations

# EASING THE REVIEW PROCESS

- Regulators have to review lots of models...**Be helpful!**
- Many filings focus on statistical detail only...don't neglect to **tell the story** of the modeling process.
- Demonstrating a well thought out and controlled modeling process can be **more important** than a hard statistic
- Step back from numbers, and **ask**:
  - ✓ *Do the variables make sense?*
  - ✓ *How is management using my model? Is that appropriate?*
  - ✓ *If I was a regulator, might I have a concern with this?*

# PREDICTIVE MODELS AND INSURANCE: A REGULATOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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*Thank you!*





# Autonomous Vehicles

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## 1. AV 101

- **Who** is making autonomous vehicles?
- **What** are autonomous vehicles?
- **Why** should we encourage autonomous vehicles?
- **How** are autonomous vehicles being deployed?

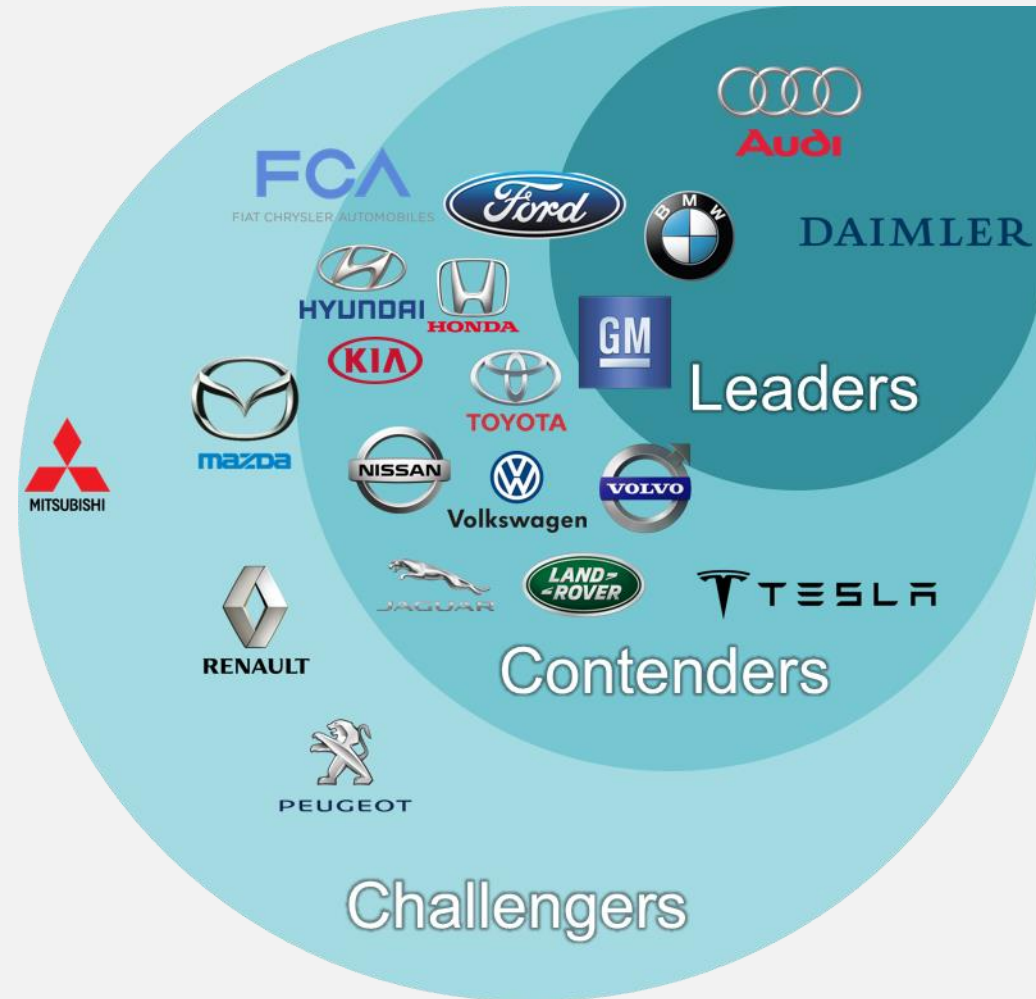
## 2. Tech

## 3. Regulation

## 4. Underwriting

## 5. Impact

- Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) used to focus on semi-autonomous capabilities (ADAS systems)
- GM, Ford, and other OEMs have made key partnerships and invested heavily in acquiring talent
- OEMs are participating in lobbying and policy development



# Who – Tech Companies

Whether looking to manufacture cars or just write software, partnerships with tech giants is a key factor in the future of AV development



Microsoft



AVs are not only for  
the Fortune 500



nuTonomy



Auro Robotics



## Driverless, **Highly-Automated Vehicle (HAV)**, Autonomous, Self-Driving

Autonomous	<b>Semi-Autonomous</b> Advanced Driver Systems (ADAS) Tech that takes over some of the responsibilities of driving. Examples include automatic braking, lane keeping and adaptive cruise control.
	<b>Autonomous Vehicle</b> Tech that takes over all the responsibilities of driving. Examples include the Google Car project and low speed autonomous shuttles.
Connected	<b>V2X Technology (Connected Vehicles)</b> Tech that allows devices to speak to each other. Examples include cars talking to each other, or cars talking to stop lights.

# What – Autonomous Vehicle Levels

Rejected

Adopted

National Highway Transportation  
and Safety Administration  
**NHTSA**

Society of Automotive Engineers  
**SAE**

0	No autonomy	0	No autonomy
1	Vehicle takes over one aspect of driving, ex: adaptive cruise control	1	Driver assistance program controls either steering or acceleration
2	Vehicle combine two or more level 1 systems, ex: ACC with lane centering	2	Driver assistance controls both steering and acceleration
3	Driver is expected to retain occasional control	3	Automated system controls, human driver expected to intervene
4	Vehicle controls operation from origin to destination	4	Automated system controls, human drive not expected to intervene
		5	Automated system controls under all roadway and environmental conditions



## Humans

Field of view: ~120 degrees  
Distance: 30 meters ahead



## Autonomous Vehicles

Field of view: 360 degrees  
Distance: 300 meters ahead

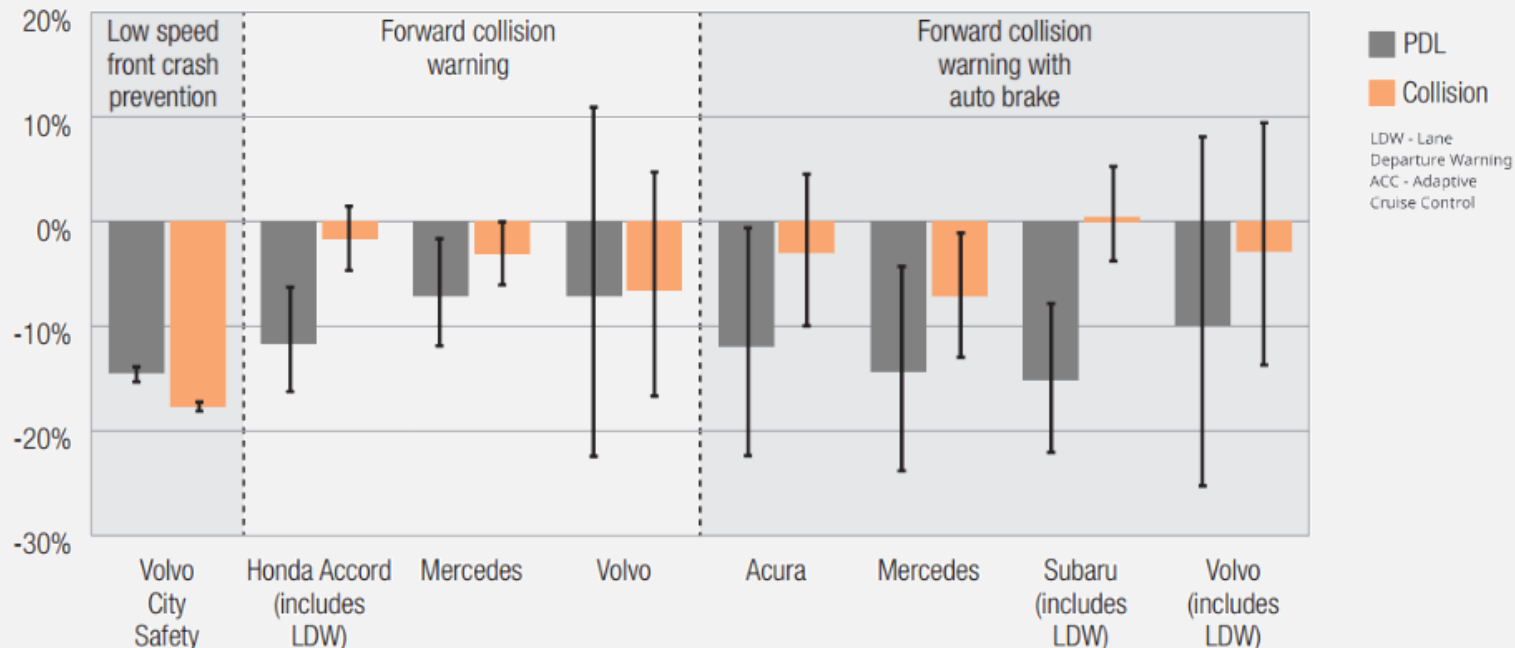




# Why – Automation Makes a Difference

- According to NHTSA, roughly 90% of accidents are caused by human error
- By reducing driver error, AV technology is predicted to significantly reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents

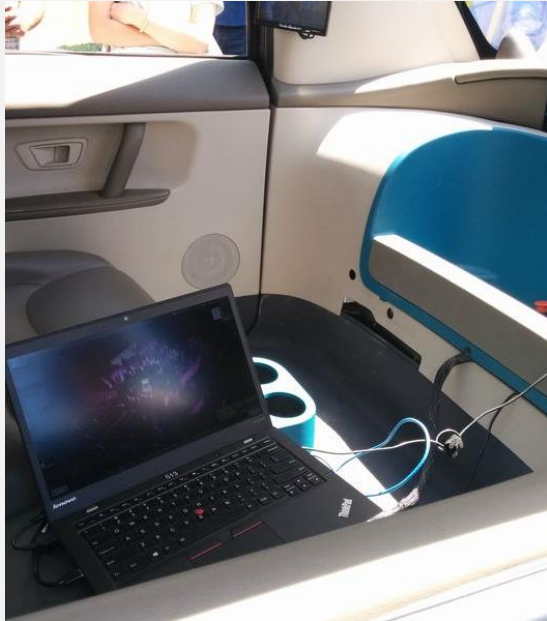
**Figure 1: Changes in physical damage claim frequency for front crash prevention systems**



- In 2015, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) increased 3.5% over 2014, the largest increase in nearly 25 years.
- There were 35,092 fatalities as a result of vehicle crashes in 2015, ending a 5-decade trend of declining fatalities with a 7.2% increase in deaths from 2014.
- The last single-year increase of this magnitude was in 1966, when fatalities rose 8.1% from the previous year.

US Department of Transportation (DOT), NHTSA, and the White House are issuing an **unprecedented call to action** to involve a wide range of stakeholders in helping determine the causes of the increase.

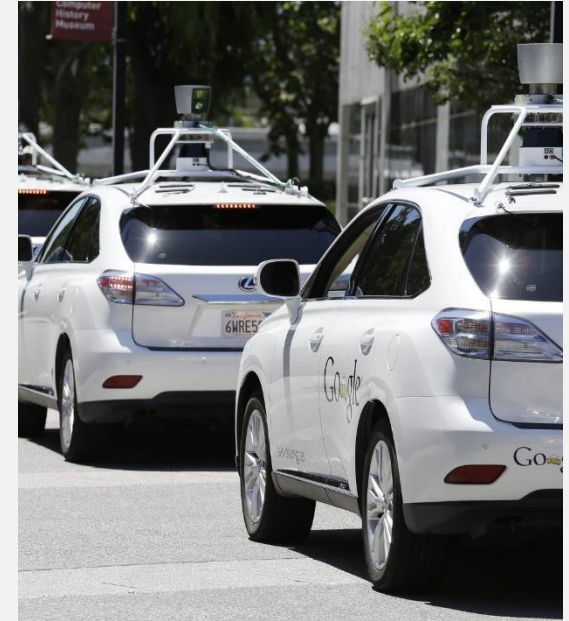
# How – Differences in Philosophy



- Steering wheel or no steering wheel?
- Some believe that people will never be able to successfully take back control of steering



- Fully mapped or deep machine learning?
- Some AV teams try to cover every situation, others are teaching the machine to think for itself



- Direct to consumers or commercial?
- Manufacturers are now focusing on releasing vehicles as fleets

Image Credits: The Verge, Take a Look Inside Google's Cute Little Self-Driving Car, 7/13/15, Backchannel, The View from the Front Seat of the Google Self-Driving Car, 5/11/15; Forbes, to Rival Google's Driverless Cars, German Carmakers Eye Nokia's Here, 5/7/15

## The self-driving vehicle revolution

An illustration of potential growth



**Era 1:**  
Fully autonomous vehicles (AVs) being developed for consumers

- 1 AVs are already a reality in industrial fleets
- 2 Car OEMs begin to assess strategic impact
- 3 New mobility models begin to emerge

**Era 2:**  
Consumers begin to adopt AVs

- 4 The after-sales service landscape is reshaped
- 5 Insurers shift from covering individuals to covering technical failures
- 6 Supply chain and logistics are redefined

**Era 3:**  
AVs become the primary means of transport

- 7 AVs free up to 50 minutes a day for drivers
- 8 Parking space is reduced by billions of square meters
- 9 Vehicle crashes fall by 90%, saving billions of dollars
- 10 AV technology accelerates development of robots for consumer use

## Sensors

- Ex: blind spot detection

## Cameras

- Ex: lane keeping and sign reading

## Radar

- Ex: measuring distance between cars for adaptive cruise control

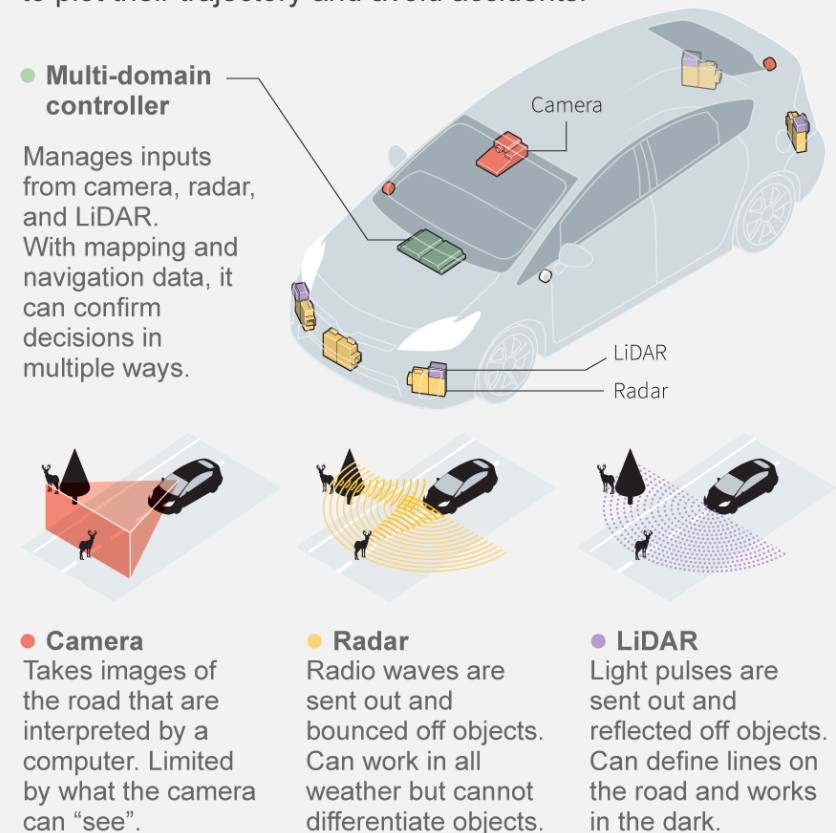
## LiDAR

- **L**ight **D**etection and **R**anging
- 8 to 60 lasers pointing in every direction

## Processor

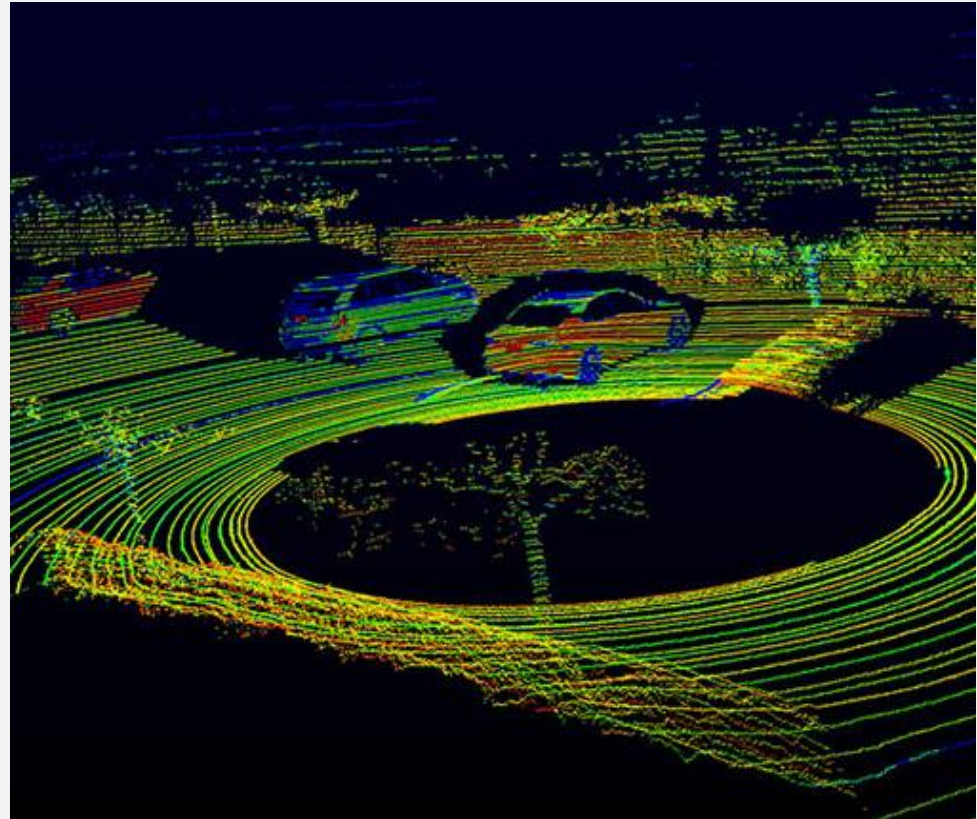
## How self-driving cars see the road

Autonomous vehicles rely on a host of sensors to plot their trajectory and avoid accidents.

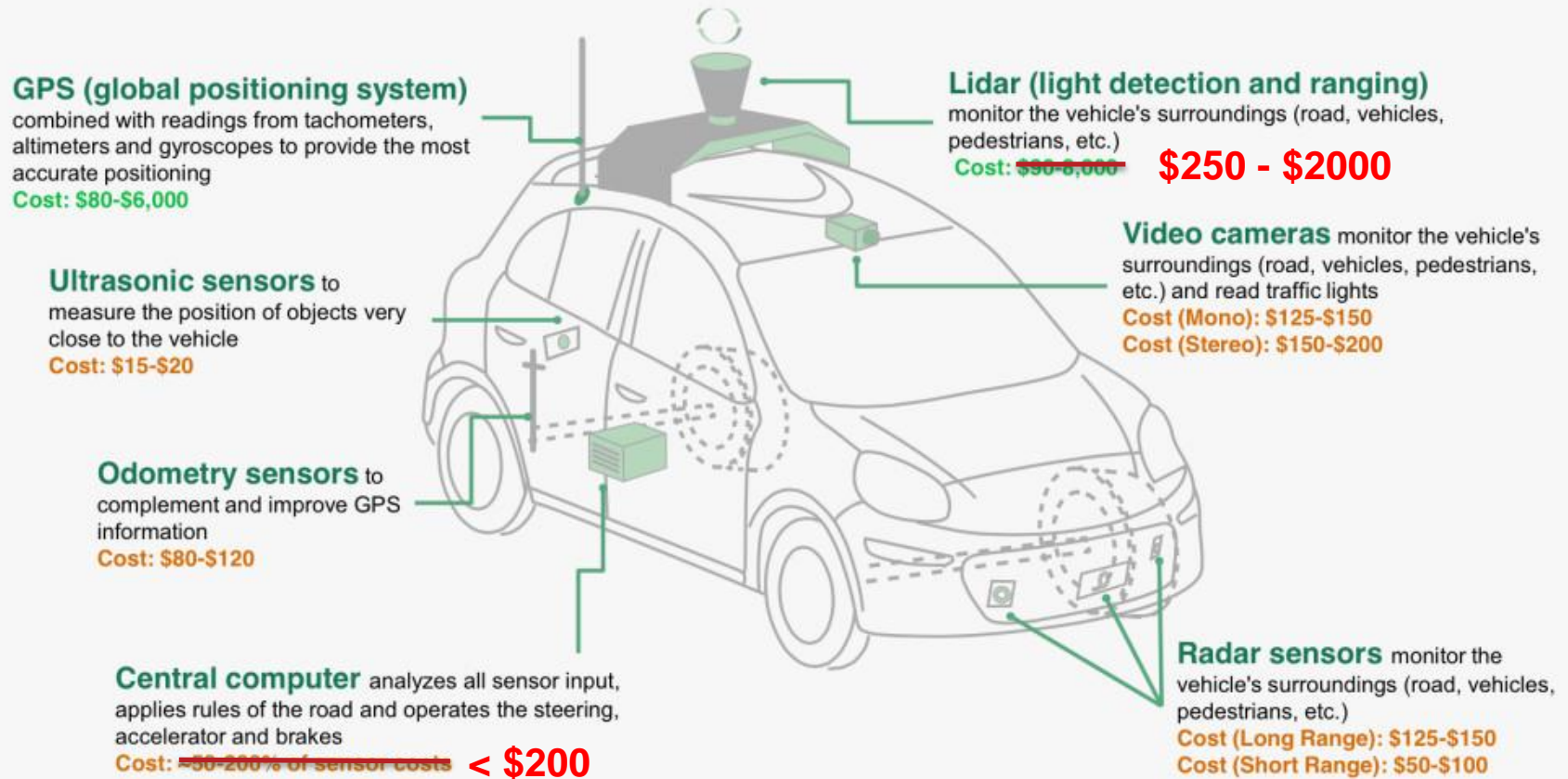


Source: Delphi

- Laser based detectors that generate 300,000 to 2,200,000 data points per second
- LiDAR systems range from having 8 to 60 lasers spinning in all directions to complete high-resolution, 3D data
- Leading manufacturer Velodyne received \$150 million investment from Ford and Baidu







Source: BCG, Revolution in the Driver's Seat: The Road to Autonomous Vehicles, 4/21/15; Spectrum, Israeli Startup Innoviz Promises \$100 Solid-State Automotive Lidar by 2018, 9/9/16; Fortune, Nvidia Shows Off New AI Computer for Baidu's Self-Driving Car, 9/13/16, Image credit: Wired, Turns Out the Hardware in Self-Driving Cars is Pretty Cheap, 4/22/16

Manufacturer	Target Year	Target Achievement	Announcement Date
Tesla	Q4 2017	Level 4 better than human	12/21/15
NuTonomy	2018	Driverless taxis	5/24/16
Delphi/Mobileye	2019	Off the shelf level 4 system	8/23/16
Baidu	2021	Mass produce level 4	6/2/16
Ford	2021	Mass produce for ridesharing	8/16/16
BMW	2021	Self-driving electric vehicle	5/12/16
Ford	2025	Mass produce for consumer	8/12/16

Source: Electrek, Elon Musk On Tesla Fully Autonomous Car: 'What We've Got Will Blow People's Minds, It Blows My Mind . . . It'll Come Sooner Than People Think', 8/3/16; Wsj, Self-driving Car Startup NuTonomy Raises \$16 Million In Funding, 5/24/16; The Verge, Delphi and Mobileye are Teaming Up to Build A Self-driving System By 2019, 8/23/16; Wsj, Baidu Plans to Mass Produce Autonomous Cars In Five Years, 6/2/16; Reuters, Ford Plans Self-driving Car For Ride Share Fleets In 2021, 8/16/16; Electrek, Bmw will Launch the Electric and Autonomous iNext In 2021, New i8 In 2018 and Not Much In-between, 5/12/16



- Federal Model Policy released 9/20/16
- The DOT and NHTSA have released an extensive document highlighting policy to cover the next year for:
  - How DOT will regulate using current tools
  - How DOT hopes to regulate using new tools

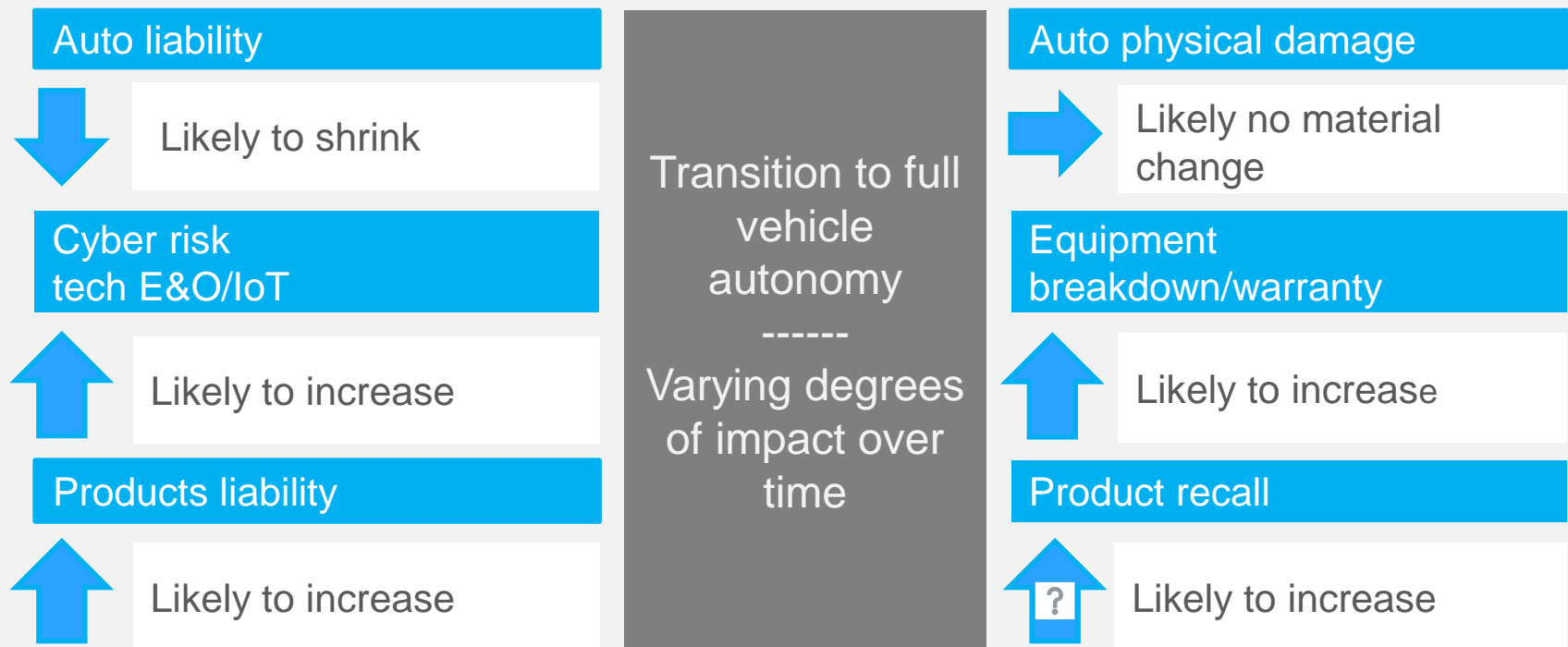


"We do not intend to write the final word on highly automated vehicles here. Rather, we intend to establish a foundation and a framework upon which future Agency action will occur."

- The DOT has tasked state departments have been tasked by the DOT to proactively address liability
- The DOT stated they are likely to form a commission to advise the state departments on specific issues
- The committees formed by states to address all AV issues are advised to have state DOI participation

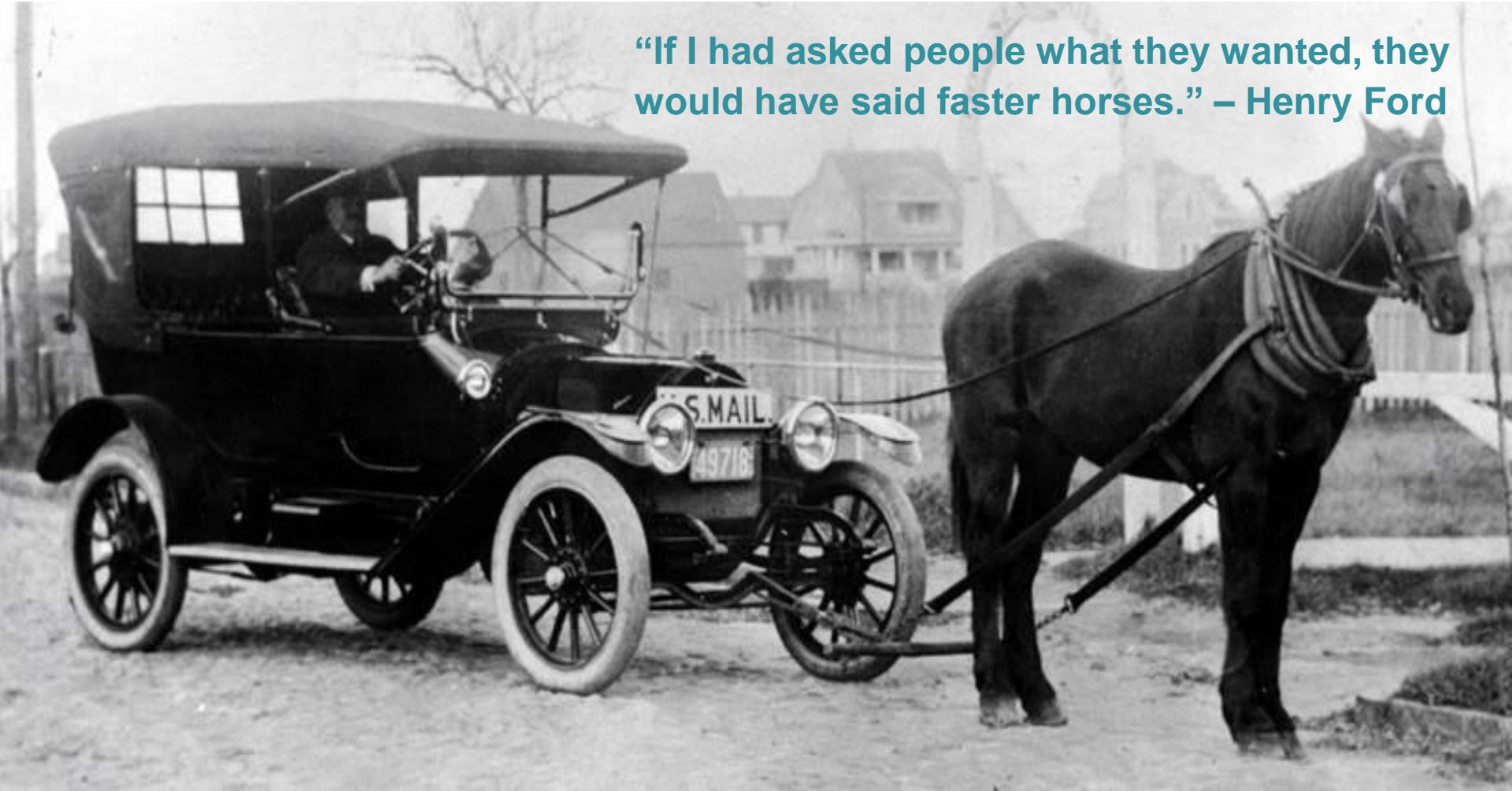


2017 will have more legislative movement regarding AVs that address deeper and more complex issues than whether or not the state will allow AV testing



- OEM'S
- HOSPITALS
- FIRST RESPONDERS
- TELECOMMUNICATIONS
- URBAN PLANNERS
- MASS TRANSIT MANUFACTURERS AND OPERATORS
- ELECTRIC GRID
- CONSUMER ELECTRONICS
- PERCEPTION SYSTEMS
- MATERIALS SCIENCE
- NON-FOSSIL FUEL PROVIDERS
- COAL INDUSTRY
- OIL COMPANIES
- TOURISM UNIONS
- CHIROPRACTIC
- TORT & LIABILITY RELATED LEGAL FIELDS
- TRANSPORTATION REGULATORS
- CRASH TESTING FACILITIES
- DRIVER EDUCATION
- TRUCKING AND FREIGHT
- PARKING LOT OPERATORS
- VENTURE CAPITAL
- VEHICLE FINANCING/LEASING
- MINING
- TRANSPORTATION MONITORING
- BIKE MANUFACTURERS
- RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES
- ENGINEERING PROGRAMS
- AUTO REPAIR FACILITIES
- TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE
- PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL INSURANCE
- STOCK AND BOND EXCHANGES
- TIRE INDUSTRY
- HUMAN MACHINE INTERFACE
- ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
- MILITARY
- SOFTWARE DEVELOPERS
- CLOUD COMPUTING
- MOBILE DEVICE MANUFACTURERS
- VEHICLE SALVAGE OPERATIONS
- CUSTOMS AND BORDER PATROL
- AUTO CLAIM LITIGATION
- VEHICLE SUPPLIERS (TIER 1& 2)
- USED VEHICLE DEALERSHIPS

**“If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses.” – Henry Ford**







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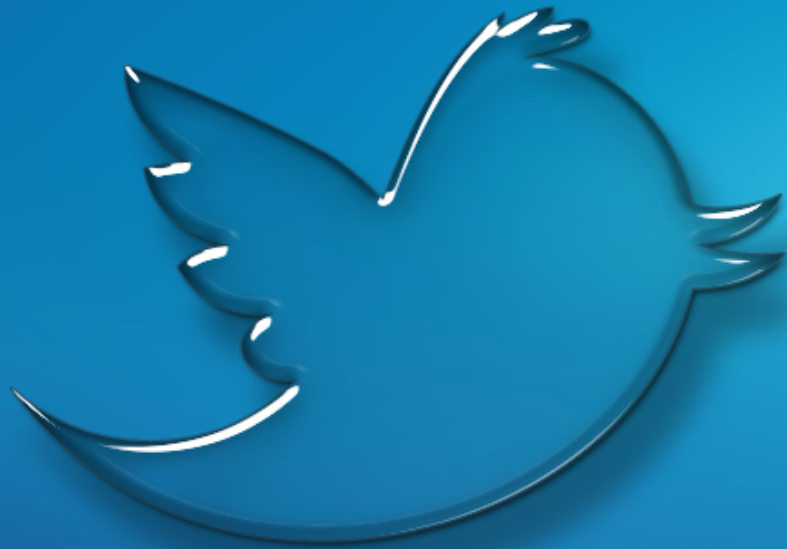
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